Abel Stearns Papers: Addenda 1

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Abstract: This collection chiefly consists of correspondence addressed to Southern California businessman and politician Abel Stearns (1798-1871), relating to his early business affairs. Included are materials containing information on American trade in Cuba, Argentina, Mexico and California, with comments on the political situations in those countries and in the United States.
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Biographical Note
Abel Stearns was a pioneer ranch owner and businessman in Los Angeles, California. As a young man, he left his native Massachusetts to engage in South American and China shipping trade. He went to Mexico in 1826, became a naturalized citizen, and in 1829 moved to Monterey, Calif. By 1833, he settled in Los Angeles where he became a wealthy businessman and influential politician.

- Abel Stearns Papers, 1821-1935 (Call number: mssStearns papers)
- Abel Stearns Papers: Addenda 2, 1817-1878 (Call number: mssHM 57166-57209)

Scope and Content
Correspondence of Abel Stearns, chiefly letters addressed to him, relating to his early business affairs. Included are materials containing information on American trade in Cuba, Argentina, Mexico and California, with comments on the political situations in those countries and in the United States, the political situation in the Rio de la Plata region and the early exploits of Juan Manuel de Rosas. Also included are letters on the shoe trade in Cuba and the United States.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Huntington Library's Online Catalog.
Personal Names
Stearns, Abel, 1798-1871

Subjects
Businessmen--California--Archives
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Box 1

**Papers of Abel Stearns: Addenda 1. 1821-1879**

**Physical Description:** 1 box

**HM 49066 Withington, Enos to Abel Stearns 1821, December 26**
Location: Savannah

**HM 48998 Clarke, Nathaniel to Abel Stearns 1822, January 10**
Location: Havana, [Cuba]

**HM 49063 Weston, Asahel to Abel Stearns 1822, January 10**
Location: Baltimore

**HM 49058 Tupper and Kimball (firm) to Abel Stearns 1822, February 6**
Location: Charleston, South Carolina. Note: Followed by copy of letter from Job Green to Abel Stearns, dated January 11, 1822

**HM 49023 Ogilvie, Thomas C. to Abel Stearns 1822, February 24**
Location: Havana, [Cuba]

**HM 49059 Tupper and Kimball (firm) to Abel Stearns 1822, February 27**
Location: Charleston, [South Carolina]

**HM 49017 Howe, Jacob to Abel Stearns 1822, March 2**
Location: Boston

**HM 48995 Clark, Ferdinand to Abel Stearns 1822, March 4**
Location: Havana, [Cuba]

**HM 49060 Tupper and Kimball (firm) to Abel Stearns 1822, March 4**
Location: Charleston, [South Carolina]

**HM 48996 Clark, Ferdinand to Abel Stearns 1822, May 9**
Location: Havana, [Cuba]

**HM 49014 Hancock, William to Abel Stearns 1822, May 16**
Location: Havana, [Cuba]

**HM 48997 Clark, Ferdinand to Abel Stearns 1822, May 18**
Location: Havana, [Cuba]

**HM 48990 Bartlett, George to Abel Stearns 1822, May 30**
Baltimore

**HM 49000 Daniell, Josiah to Abel Stearns 1822, June 14**
Location: Havana, [Cuba]
HM 49001 Daniell, Josiah to Abel Stearns 1822, July 27
Location: Havana, [Cuba]

HM 48999 Clarke, Nathaniel to Abel Stearns 1823, February 14
Location: Havana, [Cuba]

HM 49002 Daniell, Josiah to Abel Stearns 1823, March 6
Location: Buenos Aires

HM 49003 Daniell, Josiah to Abel Stearns 1823, April 11
Location: Buenos Aires

HM 49037 Penniman, William to Abel Stearns 1823, May 29
Location: Baltimore

HM 49040 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, August 1
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49041 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, August 4
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49042 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, September 13
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49043 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, September 21
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49044 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, November 29
Location: Philadelphia

HM 49045 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1825, December 3
Location: Philadelphia

HM 48988 B-----, A. Stock Transfer form, blank. [circa 1825]

HM 49046 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, January 3
Location: New York, [N.Y.]. Note: Letter is dated 1825, apparently by mistake

HM 49047 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, January 26
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49048 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, January 27
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49049 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, January 30
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49018 Inglee, Fuller and Company to Abel Stearns 1826, January 31
Location: New York [N.Y.]

HM 49050 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 1
Location: New York, [N.Y.]
HM 49021 Marks, Henry H. to Abel Stearns 1826, February 2
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49051 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 3
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49052 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 6
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49022 Marks, Henry H. to Abel Stearns 1826, February 12
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49053 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 14
Location: New York, [N.Y.]

HM 49054 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 21
Location: Boston

HM 49055 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, February 28
Location: Boston

HM 49056 Taber, Thomas to Abel Stearns 1826, March 23
Location: Boston

HM 48992 Bork, Carlos [C-----] to Abel Stearns 1827, May 3
Location: [Queretaro?], Mex.

HM 48991 Bork, Carlos C to Abel Stearns 1826, November 17
Location: Durango, [Mex.]

HM 48993 Breed, Samuel D. to Abel Stearns 1827, March 3
Location: Philadelphia

HM 48994 Breed, Samuel D. to Abel Stearns 1827, September 23
Location: Philadelphia

HM 49025 Peck, Serhman to Abel Stearns 1828, January 31
Location: Guanajuato, Mex.

HM 49067 Woodbury, J.L. to Abel StearnsE [circa 1828], April 18
Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex. Note: Letter is undated, but Stearns was in Mexico City 1826-1829, with business in San Luis Potosi especially in 1828

HM 49026 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, May 26
Location: Guanajuato, Mex.

HM 49027 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, July 20
Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex.

HM 49028 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, August 28
Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex.

HM 49029 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, October 25
Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex.
HM 49029 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, October 25
Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex.

HM 49030 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, November 10
Location: San Luis Potosi, Mex.

HM 49031 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, November 27
Location: San Juan, Mex.

HM 49024 Pacheco to Abel Stearns [circa 1828], December 7
Location: [Mex.]

HM 49012 Fitzgerald, E. to Abel Stearns [circa 1828], December 23
Location: Acapulco, Mex.

HM 49032 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1828, December 25
Location: Guadalajara, Mex.

HM 49038 Rodriguez, Ignacio to Abel Stearns 1829, March 12
Location: [Irapuato?], Mex.

HM 49007 Eayrs, George Washington to Abel Stearns 1829, April 8
Location: Mexico City

HM 49008 Eayrs, George Washington to Abel Stearns 1829, April
Location: Mexico City

HM 49013 Gritton, Edward to Abel Stearns 1829, May 16
Location: [Mexico City]

HM 49068 [Stearns, Abel to Jose Maria Echeandia 1829, August 20
Location: Monterey, Calif. Note: Place and date is in a different hand from that of the
body of the letter. This seems to be the letter mentioned in passing in Doris Wright, A
Yankee in Mexican California, page 11

HM 49039 Spence, David [Stephen] to Abel Stearns 1829, August 25
Location: Monterey, Calif.

HM 49033 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1829, October 3
Location: Monterey, Calif.

HM 49034 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1829, October 29
Location: Oahu, Hawaii

HM 49057 Trant, Samuel L. to Abel Stearns 1830, February 22
Location: Guadalajara, Mex.

HM 49010 Elwell, Robert [J.] to Abel Stearns 1830, March 15
Location: Santa Barbara, Calif.

HM 49035 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1830, March 23
Location: Oahu, Hawaii
HM 49011 Elwell, Robert J. to [Abel Staerns] 1830, May 25
   Location: Santa Barbara, Calif.

HM 49005 Duran, Narciso to Abel Stearns 1830, June 11
   Location: San Jose, Calif.

HM 49009 Eayrs, George Washington to Abel Stearns 1830, June 11
   Location: Guadalajara, Mex.

HM 49061 Viader, Jose to Abel Stearns 1830, June 13
   Location: Santa Clara, Calif.

HM 48989 Barron, Forbes and Company (firm) to Abel Stearns 1830, June 16
   Location: San Blas, Mex.

HM 49006 Duran, Marciso to Abel Stearns 1830, June 22
   Location: San Jose, Calif.

HM 49020 1830, August 15 Jones, John Coffin to Abel Stearns
   Location: Oahu, Hawaii

HM 49015 Hook, Henry to ----- Cook 1830, September 13
   Location: San Francisco

HM 49016 Hook, Henry to Abel Stearns 1830, September 17
   Location: Monterey, Calif.

HM 49016 Hook, Henry to Abel Stearns 1830, September 17
   Location: Monterey, Calif.

HM 49062 Walmsly, Guillermo W. to Abel Stearns 1830, September 23
   Location: [Mex.]

HM 49036 Peck, Sherman to Abel Stearns 1830, December 12
   Location: Oahu, Hawaii

HM 49064 Whiting, William J. to Abel Stearns 1830, December 22
   Location: San Diego, Calif.

HM 49065 Whiting, William J. to Abel Stearns 1831, February 1
   Location: San Diego, Calif.

HM 49019 Jones, John Coffin to Abel Stearns 1931, March 1
   Location: Oahu, Hawaii

HM 49004 Drakenfeld, B.F. to Robert Symington Baker 1879, June 28
   Location: Los Angeles